

**REMARKS**

The present application is currently pending on appeal to the Board of Appeals. Applicants have filed an Appeal Brief herein, and the Examiner has submitted an Answer thereto.

In the final Office Action before the appeal, dated October 14, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 4, 7 and 8, and rejected all other claims. Claims 4, 7 and 8 have therefore not been at issue in the appeal.

In order to resolve the outstanding appeal and to obtain an early allowance, applicants are cancelling all non-allowed claims, i.e., all claims other than claims 4, 7 and 8. Some of the cancelled claims were earlier withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction, and inadvertently were not cancelled earlier.

In so doing, applicants are not conceding that the cancelled claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present paper is only for purpose of facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable claims noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the remaining claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all claims. In addition, the

Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney by telephone if there are outstanding issues left to be resolved to place this case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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